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## SOMETHING NEW ...IN A WATCH.

The 12 size. Made only by the American Waltham Watch Co. Solid gold and gold filled cases; Hunting and open face. The movements are made only in high grade nickel. It is a nice, thin watch that does not fill your pocket. Call and see them; we are always pleased to show our goods, and you will find our prices the lowest.

Challoner, Mitchell & Co.  
42 GOVERNMENT STREET.

## Free Car Fares

100,000

Car Fares advertise the following

COUPLE this with best assortments and lowest prices and you easily recognize that visiting us may be of profit to you. Our object is to increase cash sales, and for your wants to receive most careful attention.

### THE WESTSIDE

TO ENCOURAGE CASH SALES WE WILL GIVE ONE TRAM CART TICKET FOR EVERY DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GOODS BOUGHT FROM US FOR CASH...

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

Now Showing NEW SPRING GOODS in All Branches.

## The Westside.

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

## Something Very Nice in CALIFORNIA BUTTER

The best that can be produced.

GORGONZOLA  
IMPORTED SWISS  
ROQUEFORT  
CALIFORNIA CREAM  
LIMBURG

CHEESE.

QUEEN OLIVES A new line in bulk or in bottles

Erskine, Wall & Co.,  
THE LEADING GROCERS.

...IF YOU ARE BUYING...

Ketchups, Pickles, Sauces or Vinegars

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR OKELL & MORRIS.

We guarantee them to be equal to the finest imported. BUY THEM AND TRY THEM.

## Trout Fishing Has Begun

If you want the best tackle, see our SCOTCH FLIES, GUT CAST, RODS, REELS, LINES. They are of the best make, and are all fresh and new.

At FOX'S, 78 Government St.

British-Canadian Gold Fields Co'y

LIMITED.  
Brokerage Department—Specials.  
TREASURY SHARES.

Athabasca Gold Mining Co. .... 625c.  
Gibson & M. & Co. .... 612c.  
Slocan Queen M. & M. Co. .... 610c.  
North Salmon River Gold Min-  
ing Co. .... 610c.

We have only about 5,000 shares left  
out of the 50,000 shares at present on  
the market at 25c., and expect instruc-  
tions to advance the price within the  
next week. Latest reports from the  
mines are of the most satisfactory char-  
acter. The Gibson intends making a  
first shipment of two carloads at once,  
and so soon as better shipping facilities  
are supplied, we look for this company  
to become one of the heaviest shippers  
in the district.

Other quotations on application at the  
office.

British-Canadian Gold Fields Co'y, Ltd.  
44 FORT STREET.

Geo. E. Brown, Local Manager

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DRESSMAKER WANTED—Must be thor-  
oughly experienced in from apartments,  
fond and light; give references. Address  
P. O. Box 36, Wellington, B. C.

FURNISHED COTTAGE to let—5 rooms,  
bath and pantry. No. 8, Avalon road.

FARMING AND GRAZING LANDS to let—  
front and rear year; about 40 acres of  
good land, with good buildings, and park  
lands, adjoining the agricultural build-  
ings. Ernest Temple, Hickman-Ty Hardware Co.,  
Ltd., Yates St., Victoria, B. C.

WANTED—A furnished or unfurnished house  
of 6 or 7 rooms, with modern improvements,  
for family of 6 adults; would like possession  
about 1st of May. Address "A," P. O. Box  
10.

CALL and have your eyes examined by Prof.  
Dr. Gray, Eye Specialist and Optician, of Tor-  
onto. Eye specialist and optician, vibration-  
ally cured without pain or any operation.  
Consult him free. Dominion Hotel, March  
2nd to 27th.

AT INVESTIGATE VISION & MEMORY—On sale for  
spring out-door planting, hardy hybrid ever-  
blooming and climbing roses, beautiful men-  
tals, geraniums, phlox, carnations, pinks,  
carnations, primroses, tulips, violets, and  
fragrant violets, varieties of the primrose,  
and all popular favorite flowers and plants  
at 4 or 5 rubs. Louis Marquis: Kiel  
works, with green house flowers, eu-  
wreaths, honeysuckles and rose bushes.  
Order: magnificent exhibits for sale and on  
view. Tel. 2000. Telephone 58.

\$5.00—No. 1 double screened household  
coal per ton of 2,000 lbs. delivered to  
any part of the city. Baytry & Hall,  
109 Government street, 25 Store street.

FOR SALE—Small Bay Mare, suitable for  
lady to drive or for light work. Price  
\$25. Apply "G. D." Times office.

TO LET—Units of furnished housekeeping  
rooms and private kitchen, at Elsmere  
house, 104 Pandora avenue. Apply 87  
Quadra street.

TO LET—The Four Miles House, Craig-  
flower Road, opposite the Mirror Saloon  
or of F. J. Dawley, on the premises. \$

TO LET—Store, corner Government and  
Bay streets. \$10. 6-roomed house on  
Cedars Hill road, about 2 hours on  
Green street. \$5. 6-roomed house on Elmer  
avenue, \$10. 5-roomed house on Stanley  
avenue, \$15. 6-roomed house on Tard  
street. \$7. A. M. More & Co., Real Es-  
tate Agents, 70 Douglas street.

COAL per ton, delivered: weight guar-  
anteed. Meiss, Holland & Co., 25  
Broad street.

NEW WALL PAPER just arrived at Mel-  
lor's, Fort street, above Douglas.

PURE MIXED PAINTS \$1.50 per imperial  
gallon at Mellor's, Fort street, above  
Douglas.

### MANUFACTURING FURRIER.

Repairing of every description nearly done. Old gar-  
ments made over for the latest fashions, and new garments  
manufactured and altered of the best quality.

S. SOUPAL, 42 Pandora street.

### GEO. BYRNES, AUCTIONEER.

### AUCTION

Mortgagor's Sale House and Lot,

APRIL 6th, at 11 A.M.

By virtue of injunction received from the  
Mortgagor, we will sell at public auction,  
Yates St., Victoria; all that is or may be  
of land situate on Yates St., Victoria,  
viz., being the westerly half of Lot 274,  
holding frontage on Yates Street, 200  
feet by 120 feet deep. There is a good  
dwelling house, No. 169, thereon, 5 bed-  
rooms, parlor and dining room, kitchen,  
pantry, back room, etc.

Terms at sale cash.

G. BYRNES, Auctioneer.

### TORONTO TOPICS.

Immigrants for the West—Navigation  
Opened—Reduced Rates.

Toronto, March 24.—Besides the 300  
excursionists from Ontario who left for  
the West yesterday, another batch of  
200 is on its way from Montreal. The  
immigrants landed at Halifax, and are  
the first to arrive at this station. They  
are mostly respectable English people  
of means who intend, the most of them,  
to take up land in Manitoba. A certain  
number are influenced by the favorable  
reports of the gold mining in British  
Columbia, and they intend to try their  
fortunes in that country.

The transportation committee of the  
Cattle Breeders' Association have ar-  
ranged with the Grand Trunk and Cana-  
dian Pacific for rates on live stock  
from Ontario and Quebec points at rates  
charged on settlers' effects. The rate  
per carload of twenty thousand pounds  
from points west of Montreal to Winni-  
peg is \$72, to Regina, \$90; and to Calgary,  
\$114. Under the new arrangement the  
cars may be loaded at different stations,  
one man to be passed free with each  
car. The reduction greatly pleases the  
farmers here.

## THE HORRORS OF SHIPWRECK

Survivors of the Wrecked St. Nazaire  
Tell of Intense Suffering, Madness  
and Death.

A Small Boat Containing Twenty-Seven  
Persons Found on Heavy  
Seas for Days.

One by One They Succumb, and When  
Relief Appears the Four Who  
Remain Are Helpless.

New York, March 24.—Lifeboat No. 3  
of the missing steamer Ville de St. Na-  
zaire, that was picked up at sea by the  
steamer Creole and brought to this port,  
was the one from which the schooner  
Hilda recently took the four survivors  
when they are now in New York hospitals.  
When the Hilda took out the living  
freight the lifeboat containing five corpses  
was permitted to drift, and was after-  
wards sighted by the Creole. When that  
steamer came to port and told her story  
it was supposed that she had found an-  
other of the boats in which the passen-  
gers had left the sinking ship. Captain  
Berri, however, who was one of  
those rescued by the Hilda, stated pos-  
itively that the boat from which he had  
been taken was No. 3. A baby's sock  
found in the lifeboat by the Creole's  
crew was identified by Jean de Tejada,  
another of the survivors, as that of his  
baby, who died in the boat. He has the  
other sock under his pillow in the hos-  
pital, where he lies recovering.

Captain Gager, of the Creole, said  
that while in latitude 36 degrees 17 min-  
utes, and longitude 74 degrees 30 min-  
utes, a boat was passed filled with  
water. After a short distance, he re-  
called the loss of the St. Nazaire, and  
thinking it might belong to her, turned  
the steamer and put back.

When the steamer got alongside the  
boat it was seen that she contained six  
bodies, lying in a heap under the seats,  
and the water in her was up to the gun-  
wale. The davits were not strong enough  
to hoist her out of the water, so  
the forward derrick was swung over the  
side and the boatswain was sent down  
to hook on the tackle. The tackle was  
first hooked to the bow, and, hoisting  
the boat so as to empty some of the  
water out of her, the bodies were washed  
out of the other end and immediately  
sank.

The boat was taken on board the  
Creole and brought to port, and now lies  
on the steamer's dock awaiting the  
orders of the French Steamship Company.

The boat contained some clothing, mostly  
seamen's trousers and jumpers, two  
women's shoes of different patterns, a  
child's sock, a nipple to a nursing bottle,  
a part of a bottle of soothing syrup, and  
some elixir bottles containing fresh water.

There was also a quantity of French  
bread, two case knives, and a uniform  
button of the French company's service.

There is some doubt as to one of the  
bodies being that of a woman. The man  
who went down into the boat says there  
was no woman, while some of the ex-  
cited passengers who crowded about look-  
ing at the ghastly spectacle said there  
was, and the mate was ready to swear  
he saw a woman's body. Captain Gager  
says there was not a woman, and he  
thinks from the dress and appearance of  
the bodies that they were part of the  
crew, and that two of them were col-  
ored men.

The boat is a large one, about forty  
feet long and pointed at both ends. She  
has the appearance of being quite old,  
and is very much dilapidated, and  
damaged by the buffeting of the waves  
during the thirteen days she had been in  
the water since the wreck. She had no  
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The story they tell is one of intense  
starvation, madness and death.

For days the boat, in which were twenty-  
seven persons, including a woman  
and four children, tossed about on the  
heavy seas. They were without food  
and without enough clothing to keep  
their bodies warm. One by one they  
succumbed to the cold and hunger, some  
dying in the boat, and others in a frenzy  
and madness leaped into the sea. When  
the boat was sighted, one week after  
the wreck, four men sat gibbering in the  
storm-tossed craft—unable to shout—un-  
able to move, on the verge of madness.

The dead steamed their craft. The  
face of the helmsman, whose stiff fingers  
had gripped the wheel, was ghastly pale  
and lifeless. The eyes were fixed on those still living.

Augustine Forget, the French line  
agent at this port, made the following  
statement of the disaster as he had  
learned it from Captain Berri's discon-  
nected remarks:

The St. Nazaire encountered a tempest

while forty-eight hours out from New  
York for Port au Prince. The steamer

had made about 270 miles from

this port, and was off Cape Hatteras.

Heavy seas swept the ship continually

from Sunday afternoon until midnight.

Water poured down the hatches and  
ran out into the engine room, leaving the  
vessel helpless. Captain Jacquemus ordered out the boats, seeing

no other hope. Four boats were  
launched, only to be crushed against the

ship. In a momentary lull the other  
four boats were launched in the lee of  
the wreck and all on board crowded into  
them.

The boat into which Berri got con-  
tained thirty-seven persons all told, in-  
cluding a woman and four children.  
Berri took command and ordered the  
signal lights carried, for the other boats  
to follow. The four boats parted com-  
pany, however, almost at once, and  
Berri never saw a trace of the other  
three after leaving the ship. Everybody  
worked hard to keep the boats head to  
the waves and all suffered most intensely  
through the first night. Some froze to  
death and others jumped overboard. Of  
the last three days of the terrible ex-  
perience Captain Berri has only hazy  
recollections.

Mate Collins, of the schooner Hilda,  
now lying at Perth Amboy, was interviewed  
on board the vessel. In telling of the  
rescue of the survivors he said that he  
had been in the long experience of Devi-  
lin that he had never seen such an awful sight  
as was presented by the small boat and its  
occupants when the Hilda came alongside.

The four men yet alive were trying to  
stand erect, but their legs refused to  
support them, and time and again they  
sank to the bottom of the boat, where  
four of their companions were lying  
dead. Not one of them had the strength  
necessary to catch the line thrown to  
them, and not one could utter a word  
plain enough to be understood.

The small boat containing the survivors  
was sighted at 2 p.m. Sunday. The schooner, which was  
then about ten miles off shore in the  
neighborhood of the Fenwick islands,  
was brought about and directed toward  
the boat. A heavy sea was running at  
the time and it took almost an hour to  
reach her. After some maneuvering the  
Hilda was brought so close to the small  
boat that her crew could see its interior.

Half standing, half kneeling in her  
were four men, hollow-cheeked and wild-  
eyed. Their lips, swollen and parched,  
moved slowly as a sound came, except a gasp, such as comes from the lips  
of a dying man. Their tongues, covered  
with sores and clotted blood, protruded  
between their teeth, too swollen to be  
longer retained in their mouths. The  
eyes protruded as if the men were being  
choked.

In the stern of the boat sat a man  
half dressed and apparently laughing.  
His mouth and eyes were wide open, and  
as the stern of the boat rose and fell  
he seemed to nod his head to the men  
of the Hilda, who leaned over her side,  
half afraid to go into the tossing craft.

## RIGHTS NOT SAFEGUARDED

The People's Rights Made Subservient to Those of Companies in Water Bill.

Companies Get Exclusive Rights to Supply Water in Unincorporated Localities.

Mr. Adams Declares He Has No Intention to Drop the Alien Labor Bill.

Tuesday, 23rd March, 1897. The speaker took the chair at two o'clock, prayers by Rev. Ralph W. Trotter.

### RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. Martin presented a return of all correspondence re granting of power to run trains on the Columbia & Western and Red Mountain railways.

Hon. Col. Baker presented a return of all correspondence in relation to the retention or dismissal of Mr. Hunter as constable at Granite Creek.

### A PROTEST.

Mr. Williams presented a petition from the residents of Kaslo and surrounding districts, protesting against the passage of a private bill incorporating the Kaslo Electric Light Co. The petitioners allege that the company is asking for such extensive powers that if it secured incorporation the interests of the city will be endangered.

### WATER CLAUSES.

The house went into committee with Dr. Walken in the chair to further consider the Water Clauses bill. The committee began with the consideration of section 40. The succeeding six sections passed without much discussion, but the committee debated section 47 at considerable length. The section reads:

"Where a company has been duly incorporated, under and in compliance with the provisions of the preceding sections of this act, for the supply of any municipality with a waterworks system, and has acquired a source of supply by record or otherwise, and constructed in whole or in part a waterworks system, such municipality may, on giving twelve months' notice, in writing, to the company, acquire the source of water supply, and all the records of the company, and the waterworks system, and all lands and works connected with and appertaining thereto, whether within or without the limits of the municipality, on payment therefor to the company of the value of such waterworks system lands and works (without reference to or payment for the value of the said records, except the actual cost thereof, if any, to the company) to be ascertained in manner hereinafter provided for the ascertainment of the value of lands upon expiration, with 30 per cent. added thereto, together with an additional sum sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of operating and maintaining of said works, and the payment of annual dividends equal to fifteen per cent. per annum on the paid up stock of the company, from the date of commencement of operation of said works to the date of their disposal to the municipality."

Mr. Sword would not deny that the private companies should be protected, but the interests of the municipalities should also be protected. Some distinction should also be made between the companies organized and having works in operation for one or two years and companies operating for a long time. He moved an amendment to the effect that companies in operation for more than ten years should get paid the full value of their works and 25 per cent. additional. If the companies are not in operation for ten years they will have the option of accepting the above offer or repayment of their actual outlay and interest on the same at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from the time the company began operations.

The amendment and the section were left over for further consideration after a lengthy debate.

Section 48 provides that when a waterworks company within a municipality makes over 20 per cent. on the paid up stock, the municipality may ask for such a reduction of water rates that the profits of the company will not exceed 20 per cent. on the paid up stock.

Mr. Sword and other members of the opposition protested against the profit of 20 per cent. on paid up capital. The paid up capital of a company could be so manipulated as to mean any amount. The profits should be based on the actual outlay of the company. The clause carried, however, on a division.

The opposition also opposed section 55, which gives a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1897, exclusive rights in an unincorporated locality when the company is organized for the sole object of constructing and operating a waterworks system in that unincorporated locality. The section was passed after a lengthy discussion.

Sections 52 to 57 were agreed to and section 58 was laid over. The intervening clauses up to 72 were passed without much discussion, but section 73 was struck out. It was to the effect that the properties of private water companies should be exempted from municipal taxation. When section 73 was reached the committee rose and reported progress.

### INCOMPLETE RETURNS.

Mr. Semple complained that the return of correspondence connected with

the bill at 150-Mile House was defective, as one or two letters were omitted.

Hon. Messrs. Turner and Eberts both stated that all the official letters were included in the return and that any other letters referring to the matter were private. These they did not intend to make public.

Dr. Walken also complained that returns were incomplete. He insisted the returns connected with the minister's travelling expenses. This only included railway fares for Mr. Eberts. The other ministers, according to the return, must have beat their way or

travelled on passes. Because the return was incomplete, he was forced to place some questions on the notice board to elicit the information which should have been included in the return asked for by the house.

### CASSIAR RAILWAY.

The Cassiar railway bill came up on report, but Mr. Sword moved the bill back into committee to insert the following new clause: "The company shall, within three months after the passage of this act, deposit with the provincial government the sum of \$30,000 as security that the company will expend not less than \$50,000 in actual construction of the railway hereby authorized to be built before the 31st December, 1899, and in default thereof the said sum of \$30,000 shall be forfeited to and become the property of the government as liquidated and unascertained damages, and not as a penalty." The motion was defeated.

Mr. Macpherson, however, moved to re-commit the bill for the purpose of inserting an anti-Chinese clause.

Mr. Kellie moved the adjournment of the debate until the fate of Mr. Adams' alien labor bill was determined.

Dr. Walken objected, as he understood that Mr. Adams did not intend to further embarrass the government, and would drop his bill.

Mr. Adams protested. There was a quirk in his course in the house that would warrant such an accusation. He had no intention of dropping the bill.

Dr. Walken apologized. He only made the observation to elicit the information.

Mr. Booth raised the point of order as to whether one member can cast an aspersions with the object of getting information from another member.

The speaker replied that such a course was wrong, and the doctor laughingly expressed his regrets. He (the doctor) said, however, that he was glad to get Mr. Adams' assurance that the bill would not be dropped.

The consideration of the bill was then adjourned.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

The East Kootenay railway bill was passed and the committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

The private bills committee reported the preamble proved in the case of the Cottonwood and River Alluvial Gold Mining Co., and that the preamble had not been proved in the Thompson River Hydramine Company Consolidation bill.

The house went into committee on the West Kootenay Power and Light Co.'s bill, and passed sections 16 to 20.

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Mr. Kennedy—For a return of any correspondence regarding the employment of W. Ridgway Wilson to give an estimate on an extension required on the lunatic asylum building at New West-

minster.

### NOTICES OF QUESTIONS.

By Mr. Williams—To ask:

"1. What method is adopted by the government for ascertaining the quantity of timber cut subject to royalty?

"2. What method is adopted for ascertaining the quantity of lumber exported upon which royalty is granted?"

By Mr. Smith—To ask: "Whether the government has given any instructions to any gold commissioner to make a grant of water to the Noble Five or to the Rico mineral claim in West Kootenay since 1st January, 1897?"

By Mr. Williams—To ask:

"1. What was the date of the last audit of the books of the Land Registry Office, Victoria?

"2. What amount of fees, etc., was then outstanding?

"3. Give names of persons indebted to the Land Registry Office, Victoria, on the 1st of January, 1897, and the amount due from each such person?"

### MR. VERNON'S REPORT.

Hon. Col. Baker presented the annual report of the agent-general of British Columbia. Mr. Vernon refers to the increased interest that has been taken in the provinces by the British and the French. He recommends some improvements at the Imperial Institute, and complains of the small sum voted last year for rent and office continuencies. He found it impossible to secure cheaper offices, and it was only by the exercise of the strictest economy and the sale of \$85 worth of maps that he succeeded in keeping the expenditure within \$35 of the sum voted. Appended was a report by Prof. Olline of the work he had done in bringing the province before the notice of desirable immigrants. The agent-general reports that during 1896 4,255 pamphlets have been distributed, against 3,511 in 1895.

### TO DON THE COCADE.

The Latest Order of Emperor William to the German Army.

Berlin, March 23.—The Army Gazette publishes the following order of Emperor William to the German army: "The army will henceforth don the German cocade, which is in accordance with the unanimous resolution of the federal governments of the empire, who have unanimously bestowed it upon their troops as a sign of injunction to defend the greatness of Germany. May the army to which the honored William I. devoted his unceasing solicitude be ever mindful of its high mission. In memory of March 22, 1897, the emperor installed a medal, made out of bronze, and ornamented with the portrait of William the Great, to be bestowed in the first instance upon members of the army. May anyone who has proved worthy to wear on his breast the picture of the august emperor William I. emulate also his pure love for the fatherland and his devotion to duty. Then will Germany victoriously withstand all storms and dangers."

Prince Leopold, regent of Bavaria, and other federal princes of the empire, have published a similar order.

The house of Ayer's Lair Vigor is a refined and delicate fluid which does not soil or become rancid by exposure to the air, and which is as perfect a substitute for the oil supplied by nature in youth and health as modern chemistry can produce.

Ask your grocer for

**Windsor Salt**  
For Table and Dishes, Purest and Best

## AN AWFUL CYCLONE

Towns in Alabama Swept Out of Existence—Stories of Death and Destruction.

A School House Utterly Demolished—Floods Follow the Rain and Wind.

New Orleans, March 24.—The Times-Democrat of Eufaula, Ala., special says:

This city has been swept by a cyclone in which death and disaster played a dreadful part. Hourly the record becomes more appalling. For several days there has been unutterable mildness all through southwest Georgia and southeast Alabama, and the country tributary to the Chattahoochee river.

The thermometer went up to 80, and the air was as oppressive as over it fell during the June solstice. With the coming of night the skies were bounded by clouds, and rain began to fall about midnight. Toward morning leden skies and increasing wind told of a storm, which soon came along with terrific and wrenching force. When the storm struck, shatters, roofs, and buildings gave way, and for two hours there was terror and dissolution, when the cyclone passed off to the northwest, cursing along the Chattahoochee valley.

The arrangements were duly carried out by the following committee: President, Sergeant Boyd, R.M.A.; secretary, Sergeant Gibson, R.M.A.; Corp. Burke, R.M.A.; Corp. Stewart, R.E.; Corp. Bowes, R.M.A.; Mr. Richardson, R.M.A.; Mr. Kelly, R.M.A.; Sapper James, R.E.; and Sapper Brooks, R.E. Gunner Wild made a good chairman. He opened the proceedings by proposing the toast of the Queen, which was enthusiastically received, and followed with a few appropriate remarks.

The smoking concert, an annual event, given by the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and rank and file at the Work Point barracks was fully up to former conviviality in point of merit and enjoyment afforded the large number who attended. Among the guests were: Lieut.-Colonel Peters, D.C.; Lieut.-Colonel Gregory, Major Sargison, and Captain Ross Monroe and Jameson, of the Fifth Regiment; Lieut. Gordon, R.E.; Surgeon Bell, R.N.; and Lieut. Crocker, R.M.L., besides large representations from H.M.S. Comus, the Dockyard and Fifth Regiment.

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The Newport on Yates street is now under the management of Mrs. H. B. Butler. First-class furnished rooms by day, week or month at reasonable prices.

The following additional subscriptions to the Indian famine fund have been received at the city hall: A friend \$4, and \$2 subscribed by Rocky Point Sunday school.

In the article relating to the "Gold Fields of British Columbia," which appeared in the Times last evening, "Harrison Hot Springs" should have read "Harrison Hot Springs."

Dr. Mary McNeill will to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock give an address to the W. C. T. U. in Temperance Hall on the subject of "Health and Temperance."

The first of a series of lantern lectures at St. Barnabas church will be given this evening by Bishop Perrin, who will take for his subject "Scenes from the Life of the Mother of Our Lord."

Mrs. David Spencer will this evening entertain the members of the W. C. T. U. at her residence, 12 Belleville street. An interesting programme has been arranged and all members are cordially invited to attend.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that John Sullivan, a resident of Victoria, is applying to the courts of Seattle for a divorce from his wife, Alice Sullivan. The case was called on Monday, the 22nd inst., and the default of the respondent was recorded. The trial has been set for Friday, March 26th.

Postmaster Shakespeare has received a letter from Mrs. G. The, of Rome, Ohio, asking for information regarding her son, Walter Tite. He wrote her from this city a year ago and she answered the letter, but has not since heard from him. Any information regarding Tite will be forwarded by the postmaster.

The third of the Lenten series of lectures now being given at the schoolroom of St. John's church took place yesterday evening, when Rev. Percival Jenkins lectured on "Remarkable Phenomena in Plant Life." The audience, not a very large one, listened appreciatively to the lecturer, who illustrated with a large map, a table of chemicals and a large number of plant slips. A vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer at the close of his lecture.

There is a place for everything. There is a place to ride a bicycle, and the sidewalk is not that place. Another bicyclist was reminded of this fact by the police magistrate this morning and assessed to the tune of \$3. Many complaints are being made of cyclists riding on the sidewalks, to the intense annoyance of pedestrians, and the major portion of the offenders, it is said, are ladies. The police are determined to put down this offence and are on the watch for offending cyclists.

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A tea meeting and social was given in the Chinese Methodist Mission school last evening, which was well attended by the pupils of that school and their friends. Miss Churchill was in charge of the entertainment, assisted by the Chinese missionary, Mr. Chan. After the various entrees had been disposed of and the tables cleared, the programme which had been prepared for the occasion was rendered. The programme included a lantern lecture by Rev. Mr. Spencer and Chinese and Japanese instrumental and vocal selections by the pupils.

One of the Chinamen who daily congregate at the wharf to angle for small fish had a narrow escape from drowning this morning. He was sitting on the wharf with his feet dangling over the edge, watching for a nibble. It seems that he, in anticipation of a catch, leaned too far over and fell into the water. He managed to grasp one of the piles, which he suspended himself until he was fished out of the water by his friends. As he was swimming, what was when pulled out of the water, he decided to abandon his fishing for

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The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held at the First Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening.

G. Byrnes will sell by auction tomorrow at 2 p.m. an assortment of household furniture at No. 15 Harrison street. Also the house and two lots. The premises and goods will be open to inspection at 10:30 a.m. The house and lots will be sold at 2:30 p.m.

A social will be given under the auspices of the ladies of the Centennial Methodist church on Wednesday evening, the 7th of April, at the residence of Mrs. Frank Adams, Gorge Road. A splendid musical programme is being prepared for the occasion. Refreshments will be served.

Perseverance Lodge, L.O.G.T., held a meeting yesterday evening, when two new members were initiated. After the regular business of the meeting had been concluded Mrs. Newbigging gave an address on the work of the order in the district. The Juvenile department was also spoken of. This department includes four temples with a total membership of 164. A short programme was then given, all the numbers of which were well received.

For some weeks past we have been enlarging the size of our cafe by the addition of several large dining rooms upstairs, which will have a seating capacity of 250 people. Now, in order to take care of our growing bakery business, we have found it necessary to build a large bakery, with modern bake ovens, in the rear of 75 Government street. We believe that with this addition we will be able to supply the ever increasing demand for our best makes of bread. Lawrence, the caterer, 75 and 77 Government street.

To-morrow evening an extra promenade band concert will be given at the drill hall, the proceeds of which will go towards payment for the new instruments, which have been ordered and will be the best that can be obtained from the makers. The cost will be \$1,500, which figure includes the cost of freight and expressage, and they will be the property of the First Battalion. The programme to-morrow evening will be composed of numbers by the band that have not been played previously, vocal selections by Capt. Ross Monroe and several dances (in costume) by Master Miller Douglas, of Winnipeg. The orchestra of the Fifth Regiment will also contribute to the programme.

The Next Concert Company gave a concert at the Victoria Theatre yesterday evening, which did not draw as large an audience as was expected. The violin solo of Herr Carl Walther were the most appreciated portion of the programme. He showed himself to be a musician of no mean ability. His Andante and Nocturne by Chopin, as well as the selection entitled "Bohemian Dances," were all played with sweetnes of tone and a great degree of smoothness. He received several encores. Professor Holm, who is an excellent pianist, acted as accompanist and also executed solo: Miss Elaine Hext was very good in the 45 posing in Greek costume representative of the emotions. The number was without doubt her best contribution to the programme, her monologue, "When Jack Comes Late," was also very good and more suited to her than the Shakespearian characters she portrayed. These selections, although creditably rendered, were somewhat disappointing. 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## A TIE OF BLOOD.

BY HARRIET MONROE.

Author of the "World's Fair Ode," "Victoria, and Other Poems," Etc.

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Every New Year's day Cousin Richard used to call upon me.

As children we would forget to expect him, and wonder at him from a distance when he tried to get on cousinly terms with us.

As we grew older those yearly visits still had a way of surprising the entire household, and we would try to stow for our forgetfulness by an effusive welcome and many invitations to come often. We had the best intentions toward him, and a genuine liking for the man. In those days he was a junior partner to a lawyer of considerable ability and reputation.

He trod his quiet path in life with clock-like regularity, and when he turned aside from it for his annual visit to his relatives we always wondered why his social excursions should be so rare. For though he would not have shown in society, as a man and a bachelor he would have been welcome. He was well bred and commanding; he dressed with precise taste, and in spite of a tardy youthfulness which led him to retain the original blackness of his hair and mustache longer than nature intended, he was almost—yes, quite—a handsome man. Yet, from the first, the eager, relentless, ambitious spirit of Chicago passed him by, left him to his old bachelor ways, forgot him, and no amount of urging or entreating could tempt him to take a home or a wife or friend or responsibilities or any of the alluring cares that make up life for most of us.

By and by his partner died. We heard the news reluctantly, and did not appreciate its significance for Cousin Richard.

But when the months rolled around once more to a new year, the welcome we gave it seemed vaguely incomplete and unfamiliar.

What was the matter? It was only after several days that their explanation occurred to us—Cousin Richard had not called.

By the time another year had passed we began to wonder what had become of him, and it was with distress that we heard rumors of a change in his placid fortunes. His practice had dwindled off to nothing, it was said; he had left his familiar old hotel for a boarding house; he was looking old. And one day when I met him on the street the change in him shocked me. His spruce elegance had faded to sedateness. His hair and mustache looked rusty. He shifted away from my cordial greeting and avoided my invitation.

He was going to Ohio to see his father he said; and though we heard of him back in town and shabbier than ever the new years came and went without a glimpse of him.

It was not a case to be anxious about, as his father our old great-uncle Joshua, was a rich man down in the little country town where he had been the first to "settle" more than half a century ago.

If Cousin Richard wished to avoid us there was nothing to do but humor him.

But when the news came to us of the old man's death we wondered if the loss would have a reviving effect upon our vanished relative. It was spring; next New Year's Day we might hope to see him once more. We were not in the least prepared, however, for the miracle that happened. One Sunday afternoon, in mid-July, as I was lazily fanning myself at a window, a most distinguished figure approached the steps—tall, elegant, even handsome; correct in every detail, his long white mustache contrasting nicely with the alert blackness of his eyes. As I entered, he was given to me, and it was half a minute before I recognized Cousin Richard under the snow-white hair.

He was affable, friendly, talkative. He told us all the Ohio news; he even invited

me to go with him to see his father, and when we got there he had us all to his house for dinner. We asked him to dinner several times, and during that summer became almost intimate at last. One afternoon, I visited him for his lonely life. With his charms and advantages, why had he

never married? "Well," he said, with the nervous little laugh which always filled the pauses of his talk, "I can't afford to have been just a little too late for everything—just a little too late. When I was a young fellow, down in Ohio, there was a pretty little thing down there whom I liked very well. We used to go to school together, and she had brown curly hair, and I used to carry her books and take her home, and that sort of thing. I know, and the fellows teased, as and seemed to think we were quite spoony. And when I came to Chicago I used to think about her a great deal. I always wanted to write to her, but didn't quite get to the point. I tried to, after two or three years, when I was getting on fairly well, I made up my mind I would go back and see her. I thought it over and took a street car for the station. It was a beautiful day in June. I remember a day that made me think of old times, when I used to be a boy in the country.

"I kept thinking I would be back there soon, and wondering whether she would be a full-blown young lady, and what she had done with her curly hair. And I was getting quite excited with my thoughts, when, all of a sudden, as I was entering the station, I was jostled back into buy-hands on the double-quick by the sight of Jim Dawson coming out. Jim Dawson—I always hated him; a hussling, shouldering, teasing fellow, who was here and there and everywhere all at once when we were children. He shook hands with me, smiling as big as a pumpkin, and called me 'old fellow,' and said he was so glad to see me, and he had intended to look me up—he promised to in fact. And then he smiled broader than ever, and asked me if I remembered Nellie Stevens, whom I used to be so soft on. And I had to say I did, for she was the girl with the curly hair. I knew what was coming by that time, and smiled back when he told me they were going to be married in October, and I must come to the wedding. I said I would like to, and he said he had come to town for a few days to sell some horses, and had counted on seeing much of me—so very sorry I was that he had been so sorry too, but I had important business to attend to in Michigan. So I took the train to a country place I knew of, and walked in the woods and thought it over. There wasn't much to do about it, except to take it.

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2. Crude cottonseed oil or fish oil, 100 parts, crude carbolic acid, 8 parts.

In either case these substances are to be mixed and applied as described above. We also experimented with a combination of kerosene emulsion and tobacco decoction. The emulsion was prepared by adding two gallons of kerosene to one gallon of a solution made by dissolving one-half pound of liquid soap in one gallon of boiling water and churning the mixture by forcing it back into the same vessel through a force-pump with a rather small nozzle until the whole forms a creamy substance which will thicken into a jelly-like substance on cooling.

The soap solution should be hot when the kerosene is added, but of course must not be near the fire. The emulsion thus made was diluted before using nine parts of water to one part of emulsion. This was then added one gallon of a decoction made by boiling one pound of strong tobacco in a gallon of water. This was sprayed upon the cattle by means of a force-pump and removed nozzle. Whenever the liquid came in contact with the flies it killed them instantly and it remained on in a condition to act as a repellent for about two days.

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No. 209.

## A BY-LAW.

Authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow the sum of \$120,000, in anticipation of the receipt of its Revenue for the year 1897.

Whereas by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1886," every Municipality may under the conditions contained therein borrow from any person such sum of money not exceeding an amount equal to the total amount of taxes upon land or real property, as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality for the year 1896, and bearing such rate of interest as may be regular to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation which becomes payable out of the annual revenue before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the taxpayers;

And whereas the total amount of taxes upon land and improvements or real property as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the City of Victoria for the year 1896, was \$250,822.

And whereas to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Victoria for the year 1897, payable out of the annual revenue before such revenue for such year becomes payable by the taxpayers, it is requisite for the said Corporation to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$120,000.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

Sec. 1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, by the Mayor and Finance Committee thereof, to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation from any person or persons, firm or firm, corporation or corporations, who may be willing to advance the same, the sum of \$120,000 in such amounts and at such times as aforesaid as hereinabove provided, the same may, in the opinion of the Mayor and Finance Committee of the Council, be required, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum.

Sec. 2. The money so borrowed shall be expended in defraying the current legal expenses of the said Corporation for the year 1897, and shall, together with the interest thereon, be repayable and paid to the lender or lenders thereof on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, out of the Municipal revenue for the said year.

Sec. 3. The amount so borrowed, and interest thereon, shall be a liability of the said Corporation, payable out of the Municipal revenue for the current year, 1897, and the form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgement of such liability to the said lender or lenders shall be a promissory note or notes as the sums may be required, signed by the Mayor and the Finance Committee and the Clerk of the said Corporation and bearing the seal of the said Corporation, all of which notes shall be made payable on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, and a notice shall be written or printed on the back of every note to the effect that the liability of the said Corporation incurred by said promissory note or notes shall be a liability payable out of the Municipal revenue for the year 1897.

Sec. 4. In the construction of this by-law the expressions "Land" and "Improvements" and "Real Property" shall have respectively the meaning given to them in the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1886."

Sec. 5. This by-law may be cited as the "Annual Loan By-Law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 29th day of January, 1897.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council this 1st day of February, 1897.

(L.S.) CHARLES REDFERN, Mayor.

WILLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 1st day of February, A.D. 1897, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone doing or attempting to do any part thereof quashed, may make his application for that part to the Supreme Court of B.C. with three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, which will be sent to him to hear in that behalf.

Either of the following formulas are recommended for this purpose:

WILLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

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British Columbia.  
NEW WESTMINSTER.

About forty carloads of hay have been shipped from this city to the interior, and a considerable quantity is yet to follow. The bulk of this goes to Ashcroft and neighboring points, where the cattle are dying for want of food.

A man named Kelly was brought over from Vancouver on Saturday to serve out a term of 20 days' imprisonment in the provincial jail for having disobeyed an order of the small debts court respecting a debt of \$37.50.

To-day the staff of the local fisheries inspector transferred about 500,000 young salmon in good condition from the government hatchery at Bon Accord to Pitt Lake.

Two practical miners, Messrs. Jasper King and William Clarke, have returned from prospecting the Harrison Lake district. They are men of large experience and, as a result of their researches, they place Harrison Lake mining district as one of the most promising portions of the province. At present the unusually rough weather is driving out the army of prospectors, but as soon as the snow is off the mountains they will likely return in increased numbers.

NELSON.

(Nelson Miner.) The attorneys representing Hoffman and Delaney, who own three-sixteenths interest in the Slocan City townsite, obtained yesterday a temporary injunction from County Court Judge Farin, restraining F. F. Fletcher, who is trustee for all parties interested in the townsite, from selling any more lots until the trouble over the ownership of the townsite is settled by the supreme court.

The placer gold excitement at Salmon has abated somewhat, as nearly all the ground in that immediate vicinity has been staked and the owners are now waiting until the thaw sets in so that they may learn what their claims contain. The original locators extended their investigations to some extent a few days since, but did not find any very rich gravel, although every pan showed a great many colors. It is believed that all the claims along the old river bed will show pay dirt, and when the snow is off the ground placer mining will begin in earnest. The finding of placer gold at Salmon has caused prospectors generally to pay more attention to the streams, and already two or three good locations are reported on the Salmon river.

The people of Nelson manifested great interest in the result of the Corlett-Fitzsimmons prize fight, and considerable money was wagered on the event. One of the most notable bets made during the day was a half interest in the Iron Chief claim on Rover creek, owned by J. Johnson and J. Jackson, against a half interest owned by Mike Keeley. The latter thought that Pitt was the champion gladiator and, as a result, he now has full title to the claim.

Nelson Tribune.

Peter Hall Deschart has sold his undivided one-half interest in the Nanaimo mineral claim, situated in the White-water basin, to Henry Alexander Barton, agent for the Gresham Gold Exploring Syndicate of London. The consideration was \$750.

The entries of ore and matte for export during the first three weeks of the present month indicate that March will be the heaviest shipping month in the history of West Kootenay. During the past week there was entered for export at the port of Nelson ore and matte to the value of \$172,278, which, added to the exports of the first two weeks, gives a total exported through the port of Nelson of \$365,654. To this amount may be added \$45,702, which represents the value of the Slocan ore exported through the port of Revelstoke during the first seventeen days of the present month. The exports for the past week bring the grand total for 1897 to \$2,629,250.

ROSSLAND.

(Rossland Miner.) The body of a man was found floating in the Columbia yesterday six miles above Trail. He was a blacksmith, and it is believed to be a case of suicide. W. J. Nelson, Q.C., who has been ill at Trail and whose life was despaired of on Sunday, has rallied and is now on the fair way to recovery.

An Italian named Malano Giovanni, employed at the smelter, was arrested yesterday for forgery. He raised his time check from \$15 to \$88.

The past week has seen a succession of snow storms, and old timers are agreed that spring is longer in coming this year than any season since the camp was first discovered in 1890.

The shaft on the Great Western is now down nearly 50 feet, and the last assay went \$40 in gold. It is not supposed that this is an average, but it is certain that for some little time the ore has been averaging paying values.

V. P. Wiesenthal, president of the Salmo Consolidated, took out a gang of men with a full equipment to the properties of the company on Friday. These properties are situated about three miles from Salmo townsite, and are named the White Cloud, Blue Jacket, Yellow Jacket, and Sitting Bull. Development work will be immediately begun on the White Cloud.

E. J. Kelly, manager of the Deer Park company, is in town again. He was out to the mine yesterday and found the machinery ready to start up. Tuesday morning the shaft will be pumped out and the work of staking the shaft resumed. It is now down over 100 feet, and when the 200 foot level is reached a third crescent will be made. It is intended to keep steadily at work until the 300 feet of depth is gained, at which point it is intended to fully explore the veins by drifts as well as crosscuts.

The Rosslanders.

Everything in the mining circle seems to be moving along nicely. Those who have been here for a number of years will be pleased to note that Mr. Lillard has sold the Homestake, Gopine, E. E. Lee, and Maid of Erin to a syndicate of London capitalists, and the delivery will be made soon and extensive operations commenced very soon. It is intimated that a smaller in the gulch near the property is a part of the deal. It seems settled that the sale of the Jumbo is an assured fact, while the Commander goes, too, at a good price to the same parties. The Great Western is under option for \$200,000, and as the development work on this excellent property is showing up well the chances are that it will go, too.

## A TROOPER'S STORY

THE UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF A HUNTERSON.

Awoke One Night to Find Himself Speechless and His Body Partially Paralyzed—Could Touch a Red Hot Stove Without Any Sensation of Pain

From the *Huntingdon, Que., News*.

Mr. Donald McNaughton of Huntingdon, Que., is not only known to all the residents of that town, but has also a reputation throughout the country as an expert marksman, having on one occasion been a member of the Canadian rifle team at Bisley, England. Mr. McNaughton is a member of the 6th Hussars, and takes part in all the leading shooting matches in Canada, having his year stood third in the grand aggregate at the Quebec provincial matches. Mr. McNaughton has passed through a very trying experience, the particulars of which he recently related to a correspondent of the *Huntingdon News*. He said: "About the end of December, 1895, I awoke one night having completely lost the power of speech, with a ringing sensation in my head and a feeling of extreme cold in every part of my body except in the immediate vicinity of my head. A physician was at once called in, but despite all he could do the power of speech did not return for two days and my body remained partially paralyzed. In this condition confined under the doctor's care until about the last week in March, 1896, sometimes having two doctors in attendance. During that time my appetite was very capricious, sometimes very good and at others nothing but the sight of food. What food I took did not digest, causing me much discomfort. When resting on my right side the blood in my body all appeared to circulate in my left side causing great pain in my lungs, and when lying on my left side I appeared to have no blood in circulation on that side. My body was, at times without sensation, and I have actually burned my hands on a red hot stove without feeling any sensation of pain. As I was not getting better under the treatment I was undergoing I got low-spirited and despondent, and saw nothing before me but a miserable life and perhaps early death. About the last week in March, 1896, my brother brought me the Pink Pills given him by Mr. McPhee, postmaster, and urged me to give them a trial. I began taking them, carefully following the directions, and before I had finished the box I felt they were helping me. I continued taking the pills, and continued to gain in health and strength, my weight increasing some 15 pounds. Complete vigor and sensation returned to my body, my stomach ceased to bother me, and I felt better than at any previous period of my life. I have not had the slightest recurrence of my trouble, and I feel that I owe my present health and strength to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and with feelings of gratitude recommend them as a medicine worthy of all confidence.

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## WESTRALIAN MINING DEVELOPMENTS.

To the Editor.—The following letter appeared in the *Pall Mall Gazette*. It seems to me to suggest possibilities as to the future of the "company boom" in British Columbia, and its reproduction in the columns of the *Times*, which has given no countenance to wild-caving, may be of some service to the public.

BROKERS

To the Editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*:

Many of those who hurriedly rushed into the numerous Westralian wild-cat schemes that came out during the boom are repeating at leisure. In that land of sand, sorrow, and shilling drinks the gold is very widely and sparsely distributed, and as yet the output is not commensurate with the capital involved in its development, nor is there a likelihood of anything like a repayment. Upwards of \$50,000,000 is said to have been nominally subscribed as capital for the acquisition and working of Westralian mines. Already a very large number indeed, if not most of the so-called gold mining companies have come to grief, or are in their last days of existence. Winding-up orders, liquidations, and official receivers are putting on the finishing touches, and the outcome will probably be that some of the authors of the audacious frauds that have been perpetrated, and the half-faced lying and woolly exaggerated and ignorant reports that have been given by so-called eminent mining engineers will be brought to book before the courts. Of course, there are so many mixed up in the various shady transactions that it will be difficult to find out upon whom to fix the most blame. To show how utterly absurd has been the whole system of operating the mining boom and how little thought was ever given to possible profits, it only requires a little calculation to prove that it would take all the gold raised in all the Australian colonies and New Zealand with anything allowed for cost of production to pay 10 per cent. dividend on the capital subscribed for West Australian mines.

As meeting after meeting takes place, and the directors have to face the music of disappointed shareholders who placed their trust in high-sounding names on directorates, and the flaming reports of so-called eminent experts, there is a great climb-down from the boastful announcements made at the statutory meetings soon after the formation of the company. In many cases the directors have been so impudent and shameless, and the reports of such an exaggerated or barefaced character, that when the managers have been sent out to take charge of the mines and work the bodies so eloquently described in the prospectuses, the bodies had mysteriously disappeared, and the visionary gold prospects as well.

It would be painful to many to announce the scores and hundreds of what are called or barefaced charlatans, that when the managers have been sent out to take charge of the mines and work the bodies so eloquently described in the prospectuses, the bodies had mysteriously disappeared, and the visionary gold prospects as well.

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MONEY TO LOAN on Any Good Security.

many are, but when so-called eminent engineers make glaringly false statements about the position and prospects of bodies they should be made to prove their words.

The writing of suitable reports to obtain a profit was such a profitable business while it lasted, during the boom, that a host of mushroom authorities sprung suddenly into existence as mining experts. It was Captain This, and Captain That, some were lean and some were fat, who were so profuse and accommodating in their vivid descriptions of future wealth from the most meagre prospects or hopeless frauds.

Financial, Exploration, Development, Investment, and Trust Companies have also been formed with huge capitals in paper, which have been leaping together for self-support in trying to float new ventures, or to keep alive the rotten ones that are tottering to the graveyard of liquidation. On reading the accounts of many of the recent meetings it is easy to see that many of these so-called financial institutions are hopelessly involved in difficulties; plenty of paper, but no gold. Now they are beginning to quarrel among themselves as to the division of the paper spoils, or as to who is to find the cash to keep the worthless mines alive a little longer, as to give a chance of planting their rubbish on to the British or foreign market.

The question is, will they be able to keep themselves afloat long enough in their struggles with the stormy waves they have to encounter to enable them to weather the storm? Some of the strongest ones are already going in for amalgamation and creating more paper capital to play with, and when the big houses of cards do tumble, it will be a dreadful crash.

There are many good mining properties in West Australia, as elsewhere, which, when worked with care, judgment and economy under moderate capitalization will pay well, but large dividends on low grade ones with small plants can never be made. There will have to be a general climb-down from the extravagant notions entertained about average yields of gold, and they will have to base their calculations upon modest pennymweights instead of several ounces to the ton.

Thus where there exist large bodies of ore of moderate grade, say from 8 dwt. to 15 dwt. per ton, substantial profits can be made on capital judiciously invested. The West Australian gold fields are as far well paid in widely separated districts as it may be possible to assume that many places when fairly and properly worked with efficient appliances will be more highly profitable. Even many of the mines that were rushed into a hurry, and given up in despair, will, in all probability, eventually be worked at a profit. The great evil has been the anxiety of so many of all classes to make money out of promotion and gambling, without giving care or thought to the capabilities of the mines, or their due development. I am, etc.

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LISTED, Sept. 22nd, 1896.

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The sea has no herbivorous animal.

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Wild cats are extremely variable in size, some kinds being no more than two feet in length while others are five feet. The smallest varieties of wild cats are about the size of the domestic variety.

The average size of the kangaroo is from six to eight feet in height. Specimens from six to eight feet are not uncommon.

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If you take the tiniest bit and place it under a powerful microscope, you will see an infinite number of tiny mobile and minute animals, which are more interesting than the varied forms of these tiny homes of animal life, which are disclosed by power.

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